

PIER DUMMIES' GRAFT REVEALED BY CURRAN

Ex-Bartender and Ex-Clerk Grow Wealthy, He Says, Under Hyland Favor.

\$1,779,000 IN FOUR YEARS

Ship Pays \$2,000 for a 'Free' Wharf, but City Gets Nominal \$104.10.

PROFIT HIGH AS 1,000 P. C.

Curran Attacks the Mayor at Six Large Meetings in Queens and Brooklyn.

Henry H. Curran last night directly and fully charged Mayor Hyland with having broken his word and with "brazen hypocrisy" in the administration of the city's dock property. Opening a new line of attack almost within earshot of the Mayor's residence in Brooklyn, the coalition nominee for Mayor charged that the Hyland policy of handling the piers had been a discredit to himself and his administration and a loss to the municipality.

Asking the question, "Has he kept his word?" Mr. Curran went after the Mayor and not only answered the query in the negative but recited his proof to back up his charge. Mr. Curran told the story of the rise of Sabbatino & Co. in the pier privilege business. He traced the history of Salvatore Sabbatino, operator of a little motion picture show, and Frank J. Hoey, clerk, until they formed a partnership, showed how they obtained valuable concessions and through subleasing at enormous profits were soon doing a great business.

In Hyland's Own Neighborhood.

Four of Mr. Curran's speeches were made at Republican clubs in the Bushwick section of Brooklyn, less than half a mile from Mayor Hyland's home in Bushwick avenue. "The fact that it was the Mayor's own district had no apparent effect on the size or enthusiasm of the crowds that greeted the coalition candidate. It was almost midnight before the last address was made at the City Republican Club, Gates and Bushwick avenues, but so many people had waited to hear Mr. Curran that it was necessary to hold an overflow meeting on the lawn outside the clubhouse.

Mr. Curran delivered his heart-Hyland-Hetrick speech at this meeting. "Who is Mayor?" he demanded. "Heard or Hyland? Where is Mr. Hyland's 1917 promise that there would be no business in City Hall? Nobody has owned me yet and nobody will; but ask Hyland who owns him."

The other clubs in Bushwick were the Brooklyn Assembly District Republican Club, Woodbine street, near Bushwick avenue; the Bushwick Republican Club, 225 Wilson avenue, and the Twenty-Eighth Ward Republican Club, 637 Knickerbocker avenue. He spoke also at Hettinger Hall, Long Island City, and the Newton High School, Elmhurst.

Mr. Curran will introduce you to the budding millionaire dummies sprung from Hyland's administration of the docks, not for the profit of all the people, but for the pockets of favored individuals. "I have shown you how Mr. Hyland tried to fool you with his talk about a five cent fare while he was doing his best to put over a deal with shorts to stick us with a seven cent fare. That is not the only time he has been guilty of the most brazen hypocrisy. To-night I will give you another

Baby Namesake Gets Advice From Harding

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Oct. 24.—Warren Harding is a good name, wrote the President of the United States to a baby named for him. The letter, made public to-day by the child's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Hannaway, follows:

My Dear Warren Harding: A friend of yours has just written to let me know that you have arrived in this world within a few days past and have demonstrated an early and appealing discretion by including your parents to give you a good name. I know it is a good name because my father and mother gave it to me, and they were the best people I have known. I hope you will try as hard as I have to do nothing to discredit the name, for I know your father and mother, like my own, would grieve if that should happen. You have arrived here in a mighty interesting time for the world and will have a chance to be a useful citizen.

Please do your best to live up to all your possibilities in that direction.

I wish I could hope to remain as long as you may, for this world is going to be an extremely interesting place during the time you are entitled to stay in it. Please give my kindest regards to your mother and father and thank them for me for the compliment they have paid me in selecting the name for you.

From your friend,

WARREN G. HARDING.

proof of his failure to keep his word. In 1917 Mr. Hyland said:

"My plan is to take from the hands of monopoly the control of our public utilities and administer them for the profit of all the people."

"Has he kept his word?" I will show you by one single instance that he broke his word, not alone to the discredit of himself but of his whole administration. The docks are one of the fine of our public utilities. They have been in Mr. Hyland's hands during the greatest boom of all time in the shipping industry. What has been Mr. Hyland's course and constant policy? I will introduce you to two budding millionaire dummies sprung from Mr. Hyland's administration of the docks, not for the profit of all the people but for the pockets of favored individuals.

"When Mr. Hyland took office on January 1, 1918, Salvatore Sabbatino was part owner in a small and cheap motion picture house at 214 Columbia street, Brooklyn. The place seated only 300 persons. It was one of those tawdry, fly-by-night, ratty piano places, belonging to a gone era in the motion picture game. Sabbatino had come to this place from behind the bar of his father's saloon. He had gone into the saloon as soon as he left school.

"Two months after Mr. Hyland became Mayor a string was pulled behind the scenes, and Sabbatino formed a partnership with Frank J. Hoey. Who was Hoey? A youth who in the motion picture game, Sabbatino had come to this place from behind the bar of his father's saloon. He had gone into the saloon as soon as he left school.

"The former bartender and the reformed clerk formed their partnership under the name of Sabbatino & Co. One of the first things they did was to open six bank accounts. Six of these have been counted and tallied up. They tell an interesting story.

"These bank accounts have grown to impressive proportions by and through the active aid of Mr. Hyland's Department of Docks. In Sabbatino & Co. we see a system that is an eye in honest graft. On this company was bestowed a grip on the open piers. What is an open pier? It is a pier not leased permanently by the city, but held in reserve for the use of fluctuating shipping business.

"A roving tramp steamship arriving here once a year or once in six months from remote corners of the earth does not find a leased pier, but must needs berth at one of the city's open piers. Other ships, both freight and passenger vessels, too, including many engaged in our coastwise trade.

"There is more than docking space intended by these open piers. They are

reserved in yearly increasing numbers not only for that purpose, but also to encourage the growth of shipping in the port of New York. To this particular end the city year after year imposes and collects only nominal docking charges. Also these charges are permanently fixed, so that small shipping owners unable to beat the high cost of a leased pier, or without steady business for it, are able to figure the exact pier cost and thereby figure besides on their freight bills to American importers. If any event, the cost of both items, whether high or low, is passed along to you, the ultimate and long suffering consumer.

"The fixed charge of the city is three and one-half cents a day a ton for each and every ship up to 300 tons and one-half cent a ton for every ton over and above 300 tons. The daily charge, therefore, to a ship of 1,000 tons would be \$7.50. Remember this rate is a fixed rate and printed on every bill sent to ship owners by the Dock Department. But how many of these nominal bills went to ship owners from Mr. Hyland's Dock Department? Not enough to fill a good sized envelope. They went, almost without exception, into the office of Sabbatino & Co.

Open Piers Sent to Discredit.

"Before the days of John F. Hyland ship owners went direct to the Dock Department and got their open piers. But under this administration, hardly had Sabbatino & Co. started operations than ship owners learned that the former bartender and the ex-clerk held the piers. Ships must have piers, and in short time ship owners made their calls on Salvatore Sabbatino and Frank Hoey instead of on the proper official. What was the result? The shipowners had to pay. They had to pay a pretty penny, too. For nearly four years now they have been mulcted of vast sums. Instead of the city's nominal charges they have been compelled to hand over to Sabbatino & Co. sums exceeding the city's rates by from \$50 to 500 per cent. In some cases, moreover, Sabbatino & Co. have profited to the extent of 1,000 per cent.

"Take the steamship Julianna, for instance; Sabbatino & Co. permitted it to tie up to a city open pier for \$200 a day. For that they paid \$104.10. In turn, paid the city \$104.10 a day. Every ten days Sabbatino & Co. took \$2,000 from Garcia & Diaz, agents of the Julianna, and made out their check to Mr. Hyland's Dock Department for \$104.10. That is what I call graft, no matter what Mr. Hyland himself may call it.

"The Julianna is not a solitary case, as the bank accounts of young Mr. Sabbatino and young Mr. Hoey show. They bank in the Mechanics and Metals National Bank, Manhattan, and the Metropolitan Bank, Brooklyn. From June 17, 1918, to September 22, 1921, they banked between them the comfortable sum of \$1,779,018.39. I think that even Mr. Hyland himself will agree that certain aspects of his administration offer fuller advantages than bartending and dock clerking.

"You all know how Mr. Hyland rolls his tongue around his old favorites, the 'special interests'."

"Who are his 'special interests' now? Hoey and Sabbatino? Or the men they split with? Who is going to get the \$1,779,000? Who gets the money?"

HELD ON LOTTERY CHARGE.

Man Is Arrested in Albany—U. S. Agents Predict Big Exposure.

ALBANY, Oct. 24.—In the arrest here today of John J. Pappalau agents of the Department of Justice say they expect to expose one of the largest lottery combines operating in the United States.

According to officers of the Albany office of the department, Pappalau when arrested had in his possession several packages of tickets for the "Canadian National Lottery" and several packages of money.

PRIZES realized on Swift & Company sales of carcasses of New York City for week ending Saturday, Oct. 22, on shipments and out, ranged from 9 cents to 18 cents per pound and averaged 12.58 cents per pound.

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CROKER OPPOSED TO SALE OF OLD DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Retired Tammany Chieftain and Other Veterans Unwilling to Let Historic Property Go, Even for a Million—No Action Decided Upon.

Richard Croker and a number of other old time Tammany chieftains and leaders went to the Democratic Club in 615 Fifth avenue last night, but they did not vote with many of the other members who wanted to sell the property which has served as a national Democratic headquarters for twenty-five years. Although Mr. Croker and several of the older members seldom get to the club they declared that they favored retaining it because of its associations and the big things in a political way that have started there and finished there. The club was the principal Democratic meeting place in the days of Mayor Van Wyck and during the many years that Richard Croker was head of Tammany Hall and absolute boss of the Democratic machine in New York. There, encased in bolted shirts studded with headlights, they dispensed political

favours and cooked political gooses. Democratic patronage was distributed there according to the dictates of Tammany, and a summons to a political leader to meet Mr. Croker at the National Club meant something very definite to the leader.

But last night the club, through its board of governors and its ways and means committee, met to consider three offers for the disposal of the property, either through long lease or by outright sale. The five-story building, which the club bought twenty-five years ago from Cord Meyer for \$125,000, has increased so fabulously in value that an offer of \$1,000,000 for it was refused recently. A clear stores company has also made an offer to rent the property.

No decision was made last night, but when one is reached the recommendation of the committee and the board must be submitted to the club members as a whole before anything can be done with the property.

BOTH HIS WIVES SEE HIM GET PRISON TERM
Joseph Kunz's Letter Writing Upsets Clemency Plea.

Both the wives of Joseph Kunz of 371 East 159th street were on hand to snicker yesterday when Judge Nott in General Sessions sentenced him to serve from two to three years on a plea of guilty to bigamy. Kunz cooked his own goose, so to speak, when he sat down in his cell in the Tombs and wrote a letter to each of his wives, promising to "throw the other over" if they would ask clemency for him. He got the letters in the wrong envelopes—and that was where he made his mistake.

When the case came on last week Judge Nott indicated clemency might be shown if Kunz got himself a job and supported wife No. 1. Instead of thinking that over, it was shown, Kunz sat down and wrote the letters.

NORRIS RETURNS TO SENATE.
WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Senator Norris (Rep., Neb.), who collapsed in the Senate last summer while discussing agricultural credit legislation, returned today much improved in health. The Senator, who is chairman of the Senate Agricultural Committee, has been recuperating in the Wisconsin woods.

ECUADOR ATTRACTS IMPORTS.
WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Ecuador in a campaign to attract manufacturing enterprises and foreign capital has passed a law exempting imports of all raw materials and machinery from duties and taxes. Minister Tillasde learned this today in a message from the Ecuadorian Minister of Foreign Relations.

YOUTH KILLS HIS TWO YOUNGER BROTHERS
Uses Iron Gaspipe While in Demented Condition.

WARSAW, Ind., Oct. 24.—Harry Long, 17 years old, son of Elam Long, a farmer living nine miles west of here, late today killed his two brothers, Kenneth, 5 years old, and Russell, 3 years old. The youth is believed to have become demented.

The three boys were playing in the backyard at the Long farm, according to witnesses, when Harry seized a length of iron gaspipe and struck Kenneth. The boy died instantly. Harry then rushed to his younger brother, Russell, and struck him on the head with the pipe, fracturing his skull. The child died an hour later.

ACTRESS SUED ON NOTES.
Mrs. Clara Kimball Young and Harry Carson in Court.

Miss Clara Kimball Young, actress and Harry Carson were named as defendants yesterday in two suits on promissory notes begun in the Supreme Court by David Levy, as assignee of P. A. Powers, theatrical promoter.

One complaint alleges that Miss Young and Carson gave their joint note for \$5,000 in November, 1920, and on its maturity paid \$3,000 and have never paid the rest. The other complaint states that they gave a second note for \$10,000 last February, and have never paid any of it. The complaints ask that 10 per cent be added to the principal sums for legal fees.

UNKNOWN HERO'S BODY IS SELECTED

Chosen at Chalons-sur-Marne by Sergeant Younger of Chicago.

Paris, Oct. 24 (Associated Press).—The body of the American unknown soldier arrived in Paris this evening. Major-Gen. Allen and a number of other American officers accompanied the body from Chalons-sur-Marne. At the request of the American Government there is to be no ceremony over the body in Paris.

The train in which the body will be taken to Havre to-day, is to sail with the body at 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. On board the cruiser there will be taken a large box of earth from the American cemetery at Suresnes. On this earth the color of the unknown soldier will lie in Arlington Cemetery.

The ceremony at Chalons-sur-Marne this morning of selecting the body that is to represent the unknown dead of the A. E. F. was simple and impressive. It took place there in a little improvised chapel in the City Hall. Sergeant Edward P. Younger of Chicago, to whom was handed a small bouquet of white and pink roses by American officers present, advanced to the little chapel. Four caskets had been placed in the chapel. Sergeant Younger, alone in the chapel, walked slowly around the four caskets three times, then stopped and placed the roses on the casket facing the entrance to the chamber. He then turned, facing the entrance, saluted and reported to the American officers that he had made his selection. While the ceremony was going on a French military band played the Dead March from "Bohemia."

The casket was then removed to another room. Gen. Dubois, commanding the French Sixth Army Corps; Major-Gen. Harry L. Rogers, quartermaster of the American army on the Rhine, and Col. Harry P. Rogers of the American Graves Registration Service, were present. The only words spoken at the ceremony were by Gen. Dubois, who said: "The French army feels deeply honored to pay a simple and loving tribute to the American unknown soldier."

The people of Chalons made America's unknown soldier their own. Citizens accompanied by their families, dressed as on Sunday, made a shrine of the City Hall during the time the unknown American soldier lay in state.

Many persons brought flowers to the large number of women who lost sons in the war and who came to pay homage to America's unknown hero. Several of them cried quietly as they knelt in prayer near the casket.

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